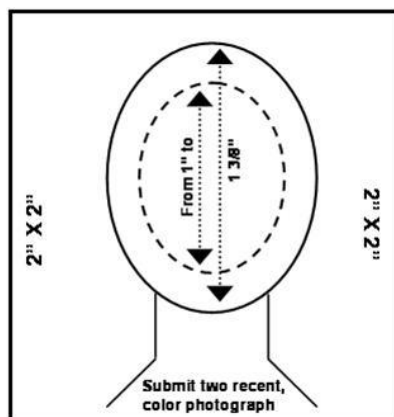


## Report a Birth Abroad



### Photo Specifications

A Consular Report of Birth Abroad is a certificate that states that a child is a U.S. citizen from birth. Many, but not all children born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent are eligible to be documented as U.S. citizens through issuance of a Consular Report of Birth Abroad and U.S. passport.

If you were previously issued a Consular Report of Birth Abroad and wish [to request a replacement copy, please click here](#).

### Appointment and Interview

Application for a Consular Report of Birth must be made, in person, through a pre-arranged appointment. The child must accompany the parent to the Embassy. Appointments are available for American citizens Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. We are closed on [American and Bahamian holidays](#).

### [Make an Appointment Here](#)

We strongly encourage both parents to be present when filing an application for a child's CRBA and first time passport.

### Required Documents

Parents typically choose to apply for the child's U.S. passport at the same time they apply for the Consular Report of Birth Abroad. The list below covers both the Consular Report of Birth Abroad, and the U.S. passport.

Please bring the following original items to the interview:

- Proof the parents' identity and citizenship such as U.S. or other passports.

- Child's original birth certificate issued by the local authorities (including English translation, if applicable). The birth certificate must include the name of the child.
- Two (2) photo studio quality photographs of the child, 2" x 2" in size and taken against a light background. The child must be facing forward with his/her ears showing and eyes open. [More here.](#)
- Prenatal and hospital records (e.g., ultrasounds, prescriptions, evidence of pre-natal doctor visits, hospital discharge documents, vaccination card, etc.). Applicants using [Surrogacy or ART services should also read here](#). The parents' marriage certificate, or other proof of their relationship prior to the child's conception. (This is not required if the mother of the child is a U.S. citizen.).
- Proof of the U.S. citizen parent's physical presence in the U.S. (This is not required if BOTH parents are U.S. citizens.) For children born to one U.S. citizen and one foreign national, the U.S. citizen parent will need to show five years of physical presence in the U.S., two of which must be after the age of 14. Examples of items that show physical presence are school transcripts, income tax returns with Form W-2, Social Security earnings history, pay receipts, passport entry/exit stamps in current and previous passports, etc.
- If also applying for a passport (see below) and only one parent is present in the Bahamas, the other parent must complete [Parental Consent Form DS-3053](#). This form must be notarized and submitted with a notarized copy of the absent parent's photo ID (their passport is preferred).
- Complete and print the following forms online before coming to your appointment but please do not Sign the Forms until Directed to do so by a Consular Officer.

[DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad \(PDF 52KB\)](#)

[Form DS-2029 Continuation Sheet](#) (PDF 115KB)(Use this form only if necessary as a continuation sheet for Question number 12 on DS-2029--Precise Periods of Physical Presence in the United States. This form must be completed ONLY for the U.S. citizen parent. If BOTH parents are U.S. citizens, you may disregard this form.)

[Form SS-5-FS Application for a Social Security Card \(PDF 55KB\)](#)

- insufficient Evidence of Relationship

If the documents provided do not clearly establish the stated relationship, DNA testing may be recommended. It is likely that DNA testing will be recommended in cases using Artificial Reproductive Technology (ART), including surrogacy.

[More information](#)

[Additional Information](#)

#### **Fees**

Complete fee information [is available here](#). If applying in person, you may pay with cash dollars, or demand draft. Personal checks are not accepted.

#### **Passport Processing Time**

Except in emergencies, passports are printed in the United States and take approximately 7-10 days. Please consider this timeline when renewing or applying for passports. You will receive an automated email when your passport is ready.

#### **Passport Delivery or Pick Up**

Your passport will be returned by registered mail unless you decide to pick it up. You may pick up passports between Monday 1pm-2pm and Wednesday 1pm-3pm. You do not need an appointment to pick up your passport.

#### **Questions?**

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